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ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 31, 1917.

TEN DEATHS OCCUR FROM TORNADOES IN MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Over Fifty Persons Injured in Windstorms in Missouri and Illinois

MANY FREAKS PLAYED BY TERRIFIC WINDS

Wind Puts Block Signal into Operation and Warns a Train Carrying 400 Passengers Who Watch Storm Destroy Whole Village.

TOWN WIPED OUT BY A TORNADO

St. Louis, Mo., May 31.—A tornado twisted into Mineral Point, Mo., a village of about 300 inhabitants, yesterday afternoon, killed four persons and injured 20, demolished the town with the exception of the school house, and then moved southward to Ego, where Fred Harper, a farmer, was killed by flying debris.

EIGHT TRUNKS OF WHISKEY SEIZED

Balch, N. C., May 31.—Very little satisfaction did the person to whom eight trunks of whiskey were delivered get early Wednesday morning as he happened to be about where the main post must be placed on trucks under the shed at the union station.

COTTON MARKET

New York, May 31.—Cotton futures opened steady, July—21.75; October 21.40; December 21.35; January 21.40; March 21.65.

STOCK MARKET

New York, May 31.—Resumption of market operations over the holiday indicated a further accumulation of buying orders. Leaders opened at gains of 1 to 2 points.

GENERAL CROWDER WARNS SLACKERS



General Crowder has made public an official guide showing how men required to register under the selective draft law should answer the twelve questions on the registration cards.

RACE RIOTS RECUR AT EAST ST. LOUIS

Disturbances Are marked with Decreasing Violence. However, Militia Apparently Has Situation in Hand.

FORMER VETERAN DIES SUDDENLY

Richmond, Va., May 31.—Capt. W. T. Bell, 73 years old, a Confederate veteran and widely known educator who for many years conducted a military academy at Kings Mountain, N. C., died this morning at the home of his daughter in this city.

KILLED IN FALL FROM A BRIDGE

Nashville, May 31.—Col. Harry S. Berry, commander of the First Tennessee Infantry, announced today the death of Private George W. Moore of Knoxville, where he fell from a Louisville and Nashville bridge where he was guarding.

ANOTHER DURHAM AMBULANCE GIVEN

Mrs. L. L. Morehead and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wiley Give Machine For Service In France.

WON'T ADDRESS TAMMANY HALL

Raleigh, N. C., May 31.—The second hospital ambulance from Durham for service in France has been contributed by Mrs. L. L. Morehead and Mr. and Mrs. John F. Wiley.

BREAKFAST TABLE TO PAY TOLL

Coffee, Tea, Cocoa and Sugar to Pay Eighty Million Dollars in Taxes

AID WAR MUNITIONS

The Present Tax of Twelve and Half Per Cent on War Munitions Is Cut Out By the Senate Finance Committee.

Washington, May 31.—Further reducing the war tax bill the Senate finance committee today decided to raise \$80,000,000 in excise or consumption taxes of 2 cents a pound on coffee, 5 cents on tea 1-2 cent on sugar and 3 cents on cocoa.

AONOTHER MAN FOR NATIONAL GUARD

Sergeant M. H. Grant, G. Company, Second Regiment, North Carolina National Guard, has enlisted William Henderson, from this city, in the national guard.

A. C. L. EMPLOYEES HERE BUY BONDS

The officials of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway are aiding in the sale of Liberty Loan Bonds, by buying them for any employe in any department of the company's service.

UNSTINTED PRAISE COAST COMPANIES

Raleigh, May 31.—Too much cannot be said in praise of the coast artillery companies of the North Carolina National Guard, according to Capt. W. H. Pace, United States army, who has returned here after a tour of inspection and instruction at various points where the units are located.

UNEARTH PLOT PREVENT REGISTERING

Columbus, Ohio, May 31.—A gigantic propaganda plot with national headquarters in this city organized to induce young men of military age all over the United States to refrain from registration for conscription next Tuesday, has been uncovered by State and government secret service agents.

BRITISH CASUALTY LIST FOR MONTH OF MAY 111,333 MEN

List Includes 5,002 Officers and 106,331 Men Killed, Wounded or Missing

A BIG INCREASE OVER WINTER CASUALTIES

British Offensive in the Arras Region in Which Severest Fighting of War Took Place Naturally Increases Casualty List Over Winter Months.

London, May 31.—British casualties, as published in May, show 5,992 officers and 106,331 men.

CLOSING EXERCISES FRIDAY NIGHT

Class of Twenty Will Graduate From High School. High School Musicals Tonight.

SEABOARD NAMES NEW GEN. MANAGER

Norfolk, May 31.—C. L. Fritch, general manager of the Canadian Northern Railroad, has been appointed general manager of the Seaboard Air Line, according to C. S. Lake, resigned.

REGISTRATION DAY TO BE OBSERVED

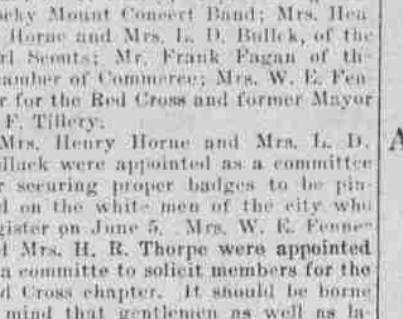
Big Parade Will Form at Corner of Tarboro and Main Street Tuesday

PROGRAM ARRANGED

All Men Who Register Will Be Decorated. Day To Be Observed as Registration Day, For Sale of Liberty Bonds and also for Getting Red Cross Members.

Registration day here will have a three-fold meaning for the city. First a registration day, second as a day for the selling of Liberty Loan Bonds, and thirdly for the purpose of getting members for the Red Cross Chapter that is to be formed in this city.

MARINE CORPS HERO



First Lieutenant Ernest C. Williams, U. S. marine corps, has just been awarded the Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism in the face of the enemy at San Francisco de Macoris, Dominican Republic, Nov. 29, 1916.

CONTINUE EFFORTS TO REPEL SLOWLY ADVANCING ALLIES

The Germans Fight Hard to Regain Points of Vantage Won By the French

MAYBE THEY WILL REGISTER NOW

All Who Have Been Getting Their Quarts That Do Not Register Are Going to Have It Hard.

TWO CHARGED WITH MURDERING UNCLE

Fayetteville, May 31.—Carl and Arthur Armstrong, young men of good family, were placed on trial in Superior court here yesterday on a joint indictment for the murder of their uncle Neill Avery, at Stedman, on March 28.

WILSON TO HAVE COMMUNITY STORE

Wilson, N. C., May 31.—Quite a number of men of families met in the armory here Tuesday night and organized what is to be known as the "Wilson Community Store."

NORWAY'S LOSS OF SHIPS CONTINUES

London, May 31.—Further losses of Norwegian ships is reported in a Central News dispatch from Christiania, it quoted the Foreign Minister to the effect that the German submarines have sunk one sailing vessel and two steamships.

GOLDSBORO ORPHANS TO GIVE CONCERT

Goldboro, May 31.—On June 11th the children of the Orphan Home are going to give in Goldboro a magnificent musical concert in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of their Home—the Odd Fellows Orphan Home at Goldboro.

STOP ALL MEN WHO MUST REGISTER

Washington, May 31.—It was announced today that steps had been taken to prevent young men subject to registration from leaving the country before registration day, June 5th.

RAILWAY COMPANIES ASKING FOR RAISE

Raleigh, May 31.—Representatives of railroads operating in North Carolina appeared today before the State Corporation Commission and petitioned for permission to establish a new basis of freight rates within the State.

STAT ECOUNSEL ORGANIZE TODAY

Raleigh, May 31.—The executive committee of the State Council of Education for the National Defense met here today to organize Governor Bickett, and acting Governor General Royster as official members of the executive committee.

DESPERATE ATTEMPTS BY THE GERMANS TO PUSH BACK THE FRENCH FROM THE VANTAGE GROUND WON IN THE RECENT ATTACKS IN THE CHAMPAGNE HAVE BEEN REVEALED.

AS A WHOLE THE FRENCH LINE REMAINED INTACT UNDER THE SUCCESSIVE SEVERE BLOW DEALT IT TODAY IN A SUSTAINED EFFORT OF AN EXTREMELY VIOLENT CHARACTER.

THE FRONT WAS DEALT AT ONLY ONE POINT AND THAT SLIGHTLY, THE GERMAN TROOPS GAINING A FOOTING IN SOME TRENCHES NORTHWEST OF MONTAUBAN.

ALONG THE BRITISH LINE IN FRANCE THE COMPARATIVE QUIET CONTINUED BROKEN IN TO ONLY BY THE TRENCH RAIDS. INCREASING ARTILLERY ACTIVITY FROM THE ARRAS BATTLEFRONT IS REPORTED, HOWEVER, TODAY AND THE BIG GUNS FROM BOTH SIDES HAVE STARTED UP AGAIN SOMEWHAT IN LIVELY FASHION NEAR BULLECOURT AND FURTHER NORTH ALONG THE SCARPE EAST OF ARRAS.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN SPAIN IS BEING WATCHED PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF TODAY'S NEWSPAPER REPORTS. NEWSPAPERS ANNOUNCED IN MADRID THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES WOULD SHORTLY AGAIN BE SUSPENDED.

FORMER PREMIER SOMONIOS IS QUOTED AS DECLARING THAT CONDITIONS IN THE COUNTRY WHICH IS KNOWN TO BE SUFFERING KEENLY IN A GENERAL ECONOMIC WAY FROM THE WAY AS WELL AS DIRECTLY FROM SUBMARINE SINKINGS WERE BECOMING GRAVER EVERY HOUR.

HE CONSIDERED THE RECENT GREAT MEETING OF PRO-ALLY SYMPATHIZERS AS OF ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE AND AS PERHAPS LIKELY TO "EXERCISE A GREATER INFLUENCE ON FOREIGN THAN ON HOME POLITICS."

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